



Helen V. Wojcik

September 15, 1920 - March 28, 2017

Helen V. Wojcik, passed away on Tuesday, March 28, at home. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Stanley S. Wojcik and her siblings, Joseph, Alex, John, Jeannette, (Chwierut) and Alice (Stec). She is survived by one brother Frank who lives in Jacksonville Florida and her children, Nancy (Gaylord Workman); Kenneth (Karin); Marlene (Guy Radcliffe); Larry (Eileen). Survivors also include her granddaughters Cassandra Workman (Keith Williams); Marlana Radcliffe (Zachery Tracer); Michelle and Jacqueline Wojcik; great-grandsons Damian and Elijah Williams. She had numerous nieces and nephews.

Helen was a life-long resident of Chicago who was born on September 15, 1920. Both of her parents, Veronica and Frank were Polish immigrants and through them she became active in many Polish-American Organizations. She served as the National Vice President and later the President of the Polish Women's Alliance (PWA). In her years representing the organization, she traveled extensively and met many American Presidents, including Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, George H. Bush and Bill Clinton. She served in office during the Solidarity Independence Movement in Poland and was a frequent representative to functions honoring the Polish pope and St. John Paul II, whom she met on several occasions. As a leader of Polonia, She was most proud of the many charitable and cultural activities undertaken by the PWA. She often mentioned some of them, such as the donation of fully equipped

ambulances to hospitals in Poland during her visit in 1992 and the return of the body of the composer Ignacy Paderewski to his homeland. In addition she worked on the Ellis Island Restoration Project which was a tribute to the many immigrant groups who entered the United States through that facility. She was past President of St. Joseph Ladies of the Rosary. Besides her many contributions, she retained a strong love for Polish cuisine and she never passed on Polish pastries and dessert, often preferring it to her entrees. Funeral Saturday 9:30 AM from FORAN FUNERAL HOME 7300 West Archer Ave. (55th St. just West of Harlem) to St. Joseph Church. Mass 10 AM. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery, Garden Mausoleum. Visitation will be held Friday from 3 PM to 9 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Orchard Lake Schools (Michigan) or to the Illinois State Library and Talking Book and Braille Service. For information 708-458-0208.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit
7300 West Archer Ave
Summit, IL 60501
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Prayers

APR 1. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Mass

APR 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
7240 W. 57th Street
Summit, IL 60501

Tribute Wall



“ *Foran Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen V. Wojcik*



Foran Funeral Home - March 30, 2017 at 02:31 PM



Barbara
Gamble

“ *So sorry for your loss. I am a member of PWA in Michigan and remember Mrs. Wojcik and her many contributions to our Polish organization.
From the family of Joanne Misiolek of Council 3 in Michigan.*

Barbara Gamble - April 06, 2017 at 07:45 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Helen V. Wojcik.*



April 03, 2017 at 11:12 AM

AK

“ *Ken and family
Sorry about your moms passing. Real nice video tribute on the
Foran website.
Al Krajewski*

Al Krajewski - April 01, 2017 at 07:21 PM

MB

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss and send our condolences.*

*We never met Helen in person but have a cookbook "The Fraternal
Gourmet" compiled by the Polish Women's Alliance that Sandy
brought us when the girls were small in the old neighborhood. I
have made some of the recipes, and based on what we know about
her will remember what a gift to others she was.*

Bill and Marge Bolin

Marge and Bill Bolin - March 31, 2017 at 08:41 PM

CC

“ *My love and sympathy to you and your family, Aunt Helen was a
wonderful and lovely lady. I am so glad I got to visit her several
times . She always had such wonderful and interesting stories to
share about her life and our family. I will miss her.. Love to you all,
Cheryl Wojcik Cox*

Cheryl Wojcik Cox - March 31, 2017 at 05:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Helen V. Wojcik.



March 31, 2017 at 01:52 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Helen V. Wojcik.



March 31, 2017 at 12:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Helen V. Wojcik.



March 31, 2017 at 10:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Helen V. Wojcik.



March 31, 2017 at 09:07 AM



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March 31, 2017 at 06:55 AM



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March 30, 2017 at 06:50 PM



“ 114 files added to the album LifeTributes



Foran Funeral Home - March 30, 2017 at 02:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen V. Wojcik.*



March 30, 2017 at 12:00 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen V. Wojcik.*



March 30, 2017 at 10:39 AM



“ *So very sorry for your families loss. She was a lovely lady. I had the pleasure of meeting her while I worked for Dr. Xydakis those 14 years. I last saw her at a grocery store and she still remembered me and we had a great little conversation. She will be greatly missed. Keeping you all in my prayers.*

Kim Stepanek

Kim Rehak-Stepanek - March 30, 2017 at 10:06 AM



“ *Leonard, Judy, Sharon, Dr Michael, Joseph, Marisol purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Helen V. Wojcik.*



Leonard, Judy, Sharon, Dr Michael, Joseph, Marisol - March 30, 2017 at 09:40 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Helen V. Wojcik.*



March 29, 2017 at 12:50 PM